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## MEDICINE LAKE HEADQUARTERS PARKING AREA

MONTANA REFUGE ROAD PROJECT MELA 900(1)

The last of the concrete was on the ground by noon yesterday. A total of 835 cubic yards went into surfacing nearly an acre of parking area and roadways. It's been a lot of work to get to this stage of completion. However like any project you either do it right the first time or plan on doing it again. With costs going up every day the investment in a quality product pays back dividends in reduced maintenance and for those visiting the refuge a good impression that hopefully brings visitors back time after time.

We still have more work ahead of us in cutting the concrete into 12-foot by 12-foot squares and sealing these cut lines. This will allow the concrete to move without further cracking and the sealer stops water from flowing through the crack.

Cleanup will take a few days as will topsoil and sod work. The contractor in lieu of seeding and watering the patches between the new concrete and grass is going to place sod from a Williston area sod farm. This will not only reduce his time but will leave the area looking finished.

Next week is a short week with the fourth of July on a Tuesday. The contractor has said the crew will not be back on the job until after the holiday, a few days of rest after a grueling week of pushing and pulling concrete.



So from Federal Highways and RB Constructors LLC we wish everyone a safe and enjoyable 4<sup>th</sup> of July Holiday weekend.

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